

Abstract in English

The diploma thesis addresses the precautionary principle and its role in environmental protection. In the introduction the author deals with the origins of application of this principle, its definition and its primary characteristics. Precautionary principle is distinguished from prevention principle and differences between terms *principle* and *approach* are assessed. Subsequently the thesis describes the current state of incorporation of precautionary principle in the individual areas of environmental protection and specifies the typology of various incorporation methods. Furthermore, significant case law regarding the subject principle is introduced and the current importance of the principle is evaluated. Substantial arguments of precautionary principle critics are also included. In the final part of the thesis, the author outlines *de lege ferenda* ideas concerning the precautionary principle, including efficient methods of incorporation of the principle, solutions to flaws of current regulations and draft of template provisions of precautionary principle application.